GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WIDENING OF JESSORE ROAD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering widening of Jessore Road, the main connecting road with Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the Government's plan to widen the road and expected time- frame by which the project will be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The portion of Jessore Road having a length of 68.4 km from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport to Indo-Bangladesh Border is with Central Government. It comprises a length of 8.80 km of NH-34 from the airport to Barasat and entire length of 59.60 km of NH-35. Government has approved 4-laning of NH-34 and NH-35 under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up but progress is hampered severely due to resistance of local people, who are not allowing for carrying out survey. Therefore it is too early to indicate time-frame for completion.